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Applicants appreciate the Examiner's indication that claims 64, 65, 70, 72 through 78 and 81 are in condition for allowance.

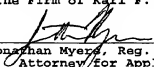
Applicants have cancelled claims 79 and 80 thereby obviating the Examiner's rejection of those claims under 35 USC 112, first paragraph.

Applicants have amended claim 71 to be dependent upon claim 65 thereby obviating the Examiner's rejection of that claim under 35 USC 112, second paragraph.

The changes discussed above are the changes that were discussed in the telephone interview between Examiners Steadman and Prouty and the undersigned on 16 July 2002.

Favorable action in this case is earnestly solicited. Applicants are enclosing a petition to obtain a one month extension of the term for response and authorization to charge the cost of obtaining the extension to a credit card.

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Enclosure: Petition for Extension